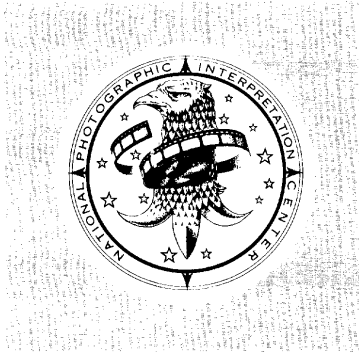


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1. Since [redacted] the North Koreans have begun construction of at least 12 new highway airstrips, which will increase the total number of highway strips in North Korea to at least 15 (Figure 1 and Table 1). This renewal of highway strip construction is the first observed on photography of North Korea since [redacted]

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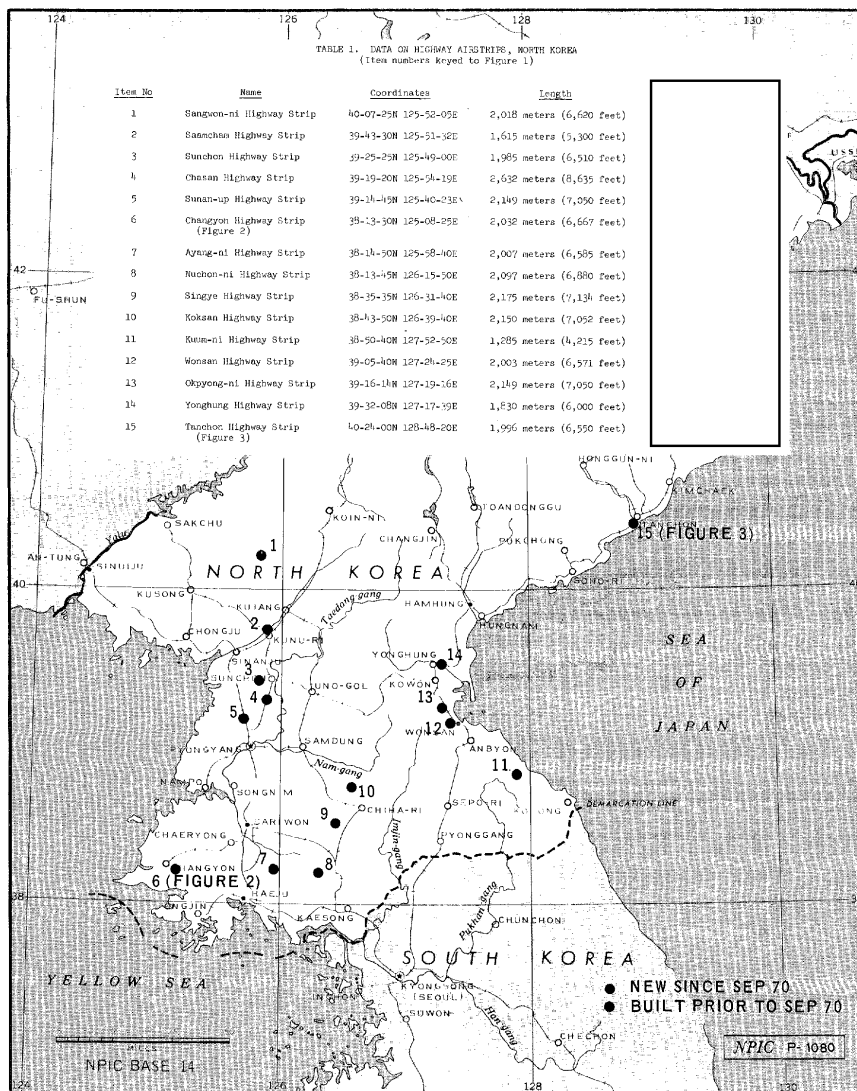
2. With the exception of Kuam-ni Highway Strip (Figure 1 and Table 1, item 11), each strip built since [redacted] is at least 1,830 meters (6,000 feet) long. All of the strips are of graded-earth construction and utilize a portion of a highway or are constructed adjacent to a highway.

3. Highway strips could serve as dispersal fields in the event of hostilities. The strips in the southern portion of the country could be used to increase the turnaround capability of fighter aircraft during an offensive against South Korea. No support facilities were observed at any of the highway strips, but the use of the probable mobile aircraft maintenance facilities previously observed at three North Korean airfields* would lessen the need for permanent facilities.

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FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP OF HIGHWAY AIRSTRIPS IN NORTH KOREA

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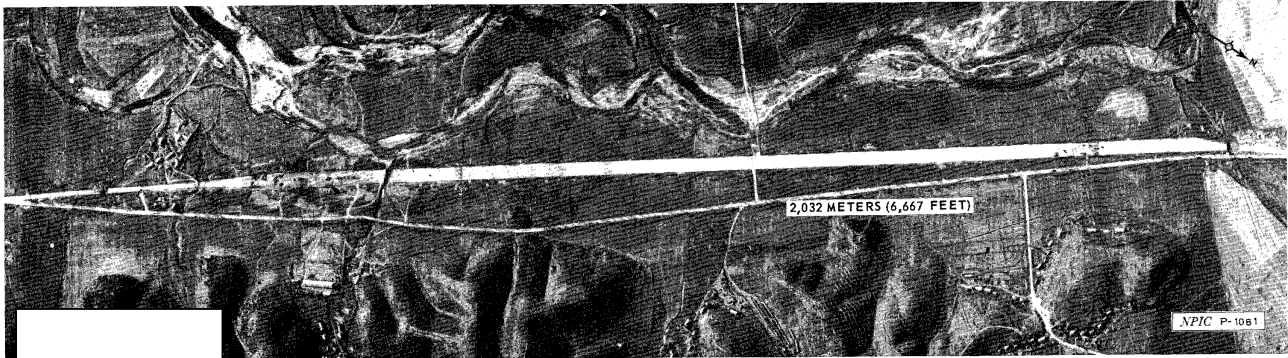


FIGURE 2. CHANGYON HIGHWAY STRIP, NORTH KOREA

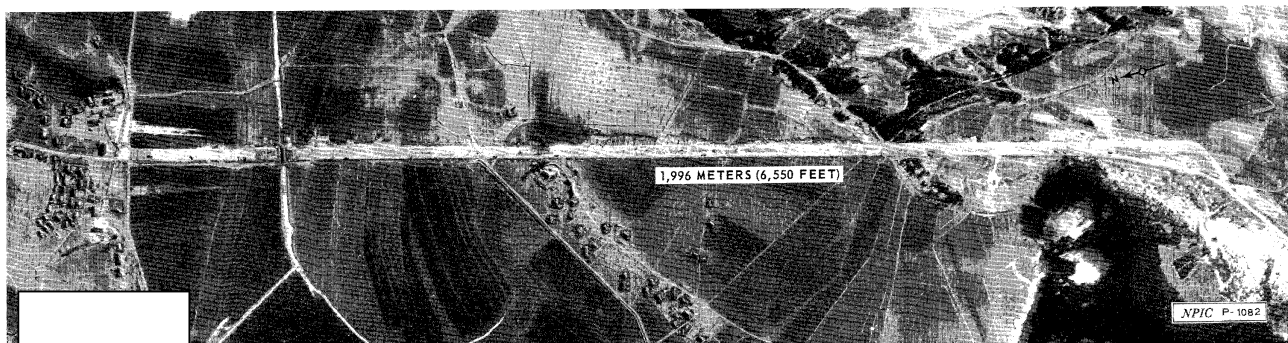


FIGURE 3. TANCHON HIGHWAY STRIP, NORTH KOREA

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